



# Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board

Minutes  
May 11, 2015  
1:00pm

## Members present:

Stephen Gill  
Todd Jicha  
Christine Lopez

John McKinney  
James Rapoli

Ann Rush  
Joe Ryan

- Called /could not attend: Vince Bellino, Paul Bonfiglio, Michael Dampf, Dan Dowd, Emily Dozier, Norm Fenichel, Neil Garrison, John Healy, Steve Minard, Anthony Russo, Robert Simpson, and William Steenbergh,

Staff: William Johnson, Adrianna Frazier

## Minutes:

Joe Ryan motioned to accept the minutes as written from the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Ann Rush. Motion carried.

\*\* William Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:06pm\*\*

## On-going Items:

- ❖ **2016 GTSC Grant Package:** W. Johnson provided the TSB with a handout outlining the 2016 GTSC budget requests. The TSB will be requesting the following: Child Passenger Safety (CPS) - \$18,400 (fitting stations \$12,500, miscellaneous expenses \$5,900), Multiple Agency Police Enforcement (MAPE) - \$220,545 (enforcement \$180,488, equipment \$40,057), and the Local Grant - \$59,697 (personal services \$44,322, educational materials \$7,850, office supplies \$2,600, safety equipment \$3,550, and travel \$1,375). Total funding request is \$298,642. At GTSC's request W. Johnson applied for Police Traffic Services related funding under the HS1 (MAPE) grant category. This will allow GTSC to differentiate expenditures for each of the law enforcement agencies under our block grant. Grant applications are due by May 15, 2015 and must be submitted on eGrants. S. Gill asked what types of equipment can the law enforcement agencies request. W. Johnson said speed radar/lidar equipment. J. Ryan made a motion to accept the 2016 grant proposal. Seconded by A. Rush. All in favor.

W. Johnson received four Child Passenger Safety Grants from outside agencies (C/Poughkeepsie PD - \$3,900, C/Beacon PD - \$10,300, Arlington FD - \$3,000, and Health Quest - \$7,000). He will have Steve Minard to sign the endorsement page for the TSB grants and the outside grants. W. Johnson said he has already submitted the STOP-DWI Crack Down Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$157,040.

W. Johnson also provided the TSB with the grant narrative for the MAPE (HS1) grant. It includes problem identification of crash events with the four top contributing factors along with relevant data. The narrative gives the proposed solution or objective of the grant. Also included is the enforcement strategy, which will be to target enhanced seat belt compliance and the most significant contributing factors in personal injury and fatal crashes including cell phone use.

- ❖ **2015 PTS Grant:** W. Johnson said Operation Safe Stop consolidated reporting is not yet on the SafeNY website. The seat belt mobilization enforcement is from May 18 – 31. This is a required activity. No other PTS grant enforcement activities may take place during this mobilization. He said consolidated reporting is due to the TSB on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us time to provide GTSC with consolidated numbers within 15 days of the mobilization.

- ❖ **Injury Prevention:**

**Bicycle Safety** – W. Johnson said he just completed two rodeos last week with the T/Poughkeepsie PD at Hagan Elementary School. He said 119 students participated and 37 helmets were given away. On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Overlook Elementary School is having a Spring Festival from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. They have asked the TSB to setup a table on bike and school bus safety. The following is a list of upcoming rodeos/helmet presentations:

Red Hook PD and Bike NY – 05/05, 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 2:30pm  
Arthur S. May Elementary School – 06/03 from 5:30pm – 8:00pm  
Upton Lake School – 06/05 at 1:00pm and 2:00pm Helmet Safety Presentation  
V/Wappingers Falls PD & Summer Recreation Center – 07/20 at 9:00am

W. Johnson stated that through his representation on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC) he met John Galbraith. He is a chemistry professor at Marist College and lives in the City of Poughkeepsie. He also writes a bicycle blog and has set up a bike repair clinic at a City of Poughkeepsie café. J. Galbraith is a huge bicycle advocate and he wants to setup a bicycle repair coop to refurbish old bikes and give them back to the community. W. Johnson said if anyone has some old bikes just sitting around please let him know.

W. Johnson read a thank you letter from the Spackenkill School District for the TSB's sponsorship of the bicycle rodeo in conjunction with the T/Poughkeepsie PD.

**Senior Driver Mobility** – W. Johnson said the Office for the Aging has scheduled 15 senior picnics this summer. He stated that he has not received official letters of approval from NYS Department of Health Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. He had to send them information on the process for drug collection at the senior picnics. The picnics are scheduled every Wednesday from 06/03 - 08/26. The following is a list of upcoming senior picnics in June:

T/Dover – Boyce Park – Wednesday, 6/3  
T/Fishkill – Sarah Taylor Park – Wednesday, 6/10  
T/Pine Plains – Pine Plains Lions Club – Wednesday, 6/17  
V/Tivoli – Tivoli Memorial Recreation Park – Wednesday, 6/24

**Please check your calendars and contact W. Johnson**

Picnics are generally from 11:30am – 1:30pm  
Support at these events is greatly appreciated.

**Motorcycle Safety Awareness** – Since May is Motorcycle Safety month, W. Johnson will draft a press release to be approved by the County Executive's Office. He said the NYS DMV press conference on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> was successful. The speakers were Terrie Egan, Assistant Commissioner of DMV, Sheriff Butch Anderson, a retired police officer and motorcycle crash victim, Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Hughes, and Officer Todd Jicha (T/Poughkeepsie PD). W. Johnson said the Assistant Commissioner said 90% of riders injured in motorcycle crashes have not taken the

motorcycle safety course. W. Johnson had available to the TSB motorcycle safety signs “Look Twice, Save a Life” if anyone would like to take some to display in their respective municipalities.

- ❖ **NYS Association TSB: Save Your Friends Over the Airways Contest:** W. Johnson gave the TSB a handout listing the winners from 2011 to present. He said V. Bellino contacted Gerard Sheedy the technology teacher at Arlington HS to determine the best venue to give the students their awards/checks. The TSB listened to the public service announcement from the following winners from Arlington High School:

#### **2015 Winners**

Emily Klausz - Safety Belt Use  
Julianna Scalamandre – Safety Belt Use  
Selin Karadeniz – Speeding

#### **2015 Honorable Mention**

Madelyn Kei Urbae – Drowsy Driving  
Dimitri Jacques-Louis – Impaired Driving

W. Johnson would like to have the public service announcements posted to the Dutchess County website.

- ❖ **Child Passenger Safety:** W. Johnson stated that there are no scheduled events. There is a commitment from most of the fitting stations to send candidates to a Child Passenger Safety Technician Class if it is held in Dutchess County. It will probably be held in late July. He said the DCSO would like to have all of their school resource officers trained. The class will have to be approved by GTSC before an announcement is made.

#### **Additions:**

- ❖ **RID Ceremony:** W. Johnson said the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Remove Intoxicated Drivers (RID) victim memorial service will take place on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00pm. If any TSB members could stop by it would be appreciated. He stated that progress is being made on the memorial site next door to the parking lot. He said one year ago a small evergreen tree, donated by Adams Fairacre Farms, was planted. It will be bathed in white LED lights and every year red bulbs will be added to signify victims that are put on the RID plaques in the County Office Building. The trees on Route 55 were trimmed and bushes removed. Electricity is now being installed. A kiosk will be built to provide information on all the victims in Dutchess County. Flood lights will eventually be installed to highlight the memorial. W. Johnson will reach out to Nelson Rivera of the Veterans Affairs Office to see what can be done to improve the war memorial next to the site.
- ❖ **Health Department:** A. Rush said the Health Department sponsored a booth at the Apple Blossom Festival in Red Hook. She said literature and give aways from TSB were a hit.

J. McKinney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. J. Ryan seconded. All in favor.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

June 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 @ 1:00pm.

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